

Such institutions as the "Pratt" in Brooklyn and the "Drexel" in Philadelphia, we should think, could easily be made available for a special course of instruction to nurses.

The movement for this radical change in the method of training nurses comes from the superintendents of schools who have had long years of practical experience, with opportunity to judge of the defects of the present system. Hospitals are becoming more and more educational institutions, and this is right to just the extent that teaching does not interfere with the best welfare of the patient, but to carry on classes in theory, with lectures and examinations at the time when the services of the nurse are so essential to the general welfare of the hospital, complicates the administration to an alarming degree, as the demand for the more careful theoretical instruction of the nurse increases from year to year.

The more universal the agitation, the more quickly the change will be accepted.

When we have established central nursing institutes we shall have made great strides towards a uniform curriculum. With the pupils from half a dozen schools receiving their instruction in anatomy, physiology, hygiene, bacteriology, domestic science, etc., etc., from one staff of able instructors, all passing the same examinations, it will then remain for the hospitals to provide instruction in practical nursing in all its varying branches.

The whole idea of preliminary training means a great reform, and the plan is yet so new that it needs the united energies of our ablest women. How the idea has taken form at the Johns Hopkins will be given in the next number.

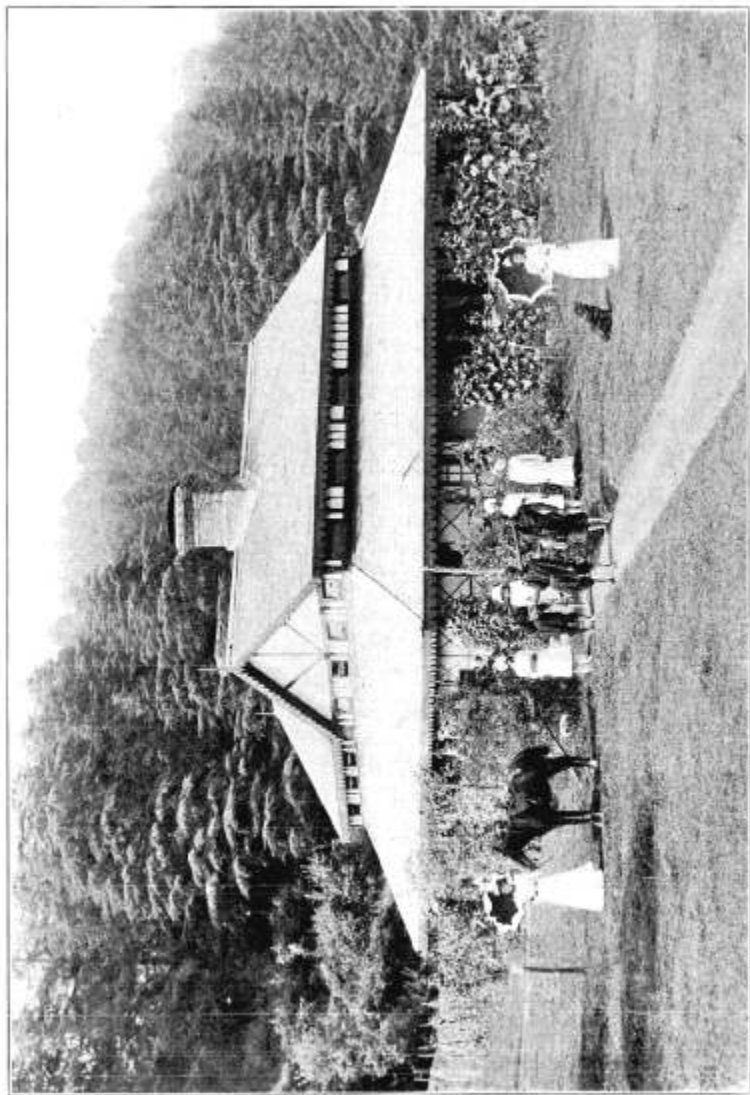
STATE MEETINGS.

THE annual meeting of the New York State Nurses' Association was a notably well conducted and harmonious gathering. It needs to be plainly understood that those nurses who have become members during the year are *charter* members individually. It now remains for the associations to make application for membership, according to the instruction given in the secretary's report. Hereafter the official reports and announcements of the society will be made through the pages of this JOURNAL.

We understand that the Illinois nurses are to fix the eligibility lines at their next meeting, and we also are advised that the nurses of North Carolina are moving in the direction of State organization.

When the young nurses of to-day look back a quarter of a century to this time when State organization began, what a strange, crude condition of things will seem to have existed. It is for us to sow that those who are to come after us may reap.





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